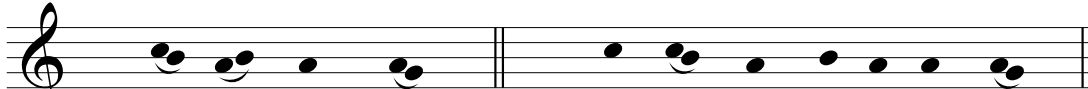


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The dignity of the Marriage covenant



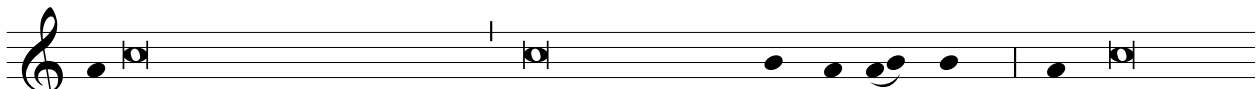
V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.




V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.



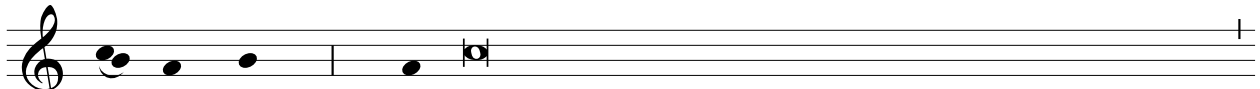
V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.




It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and



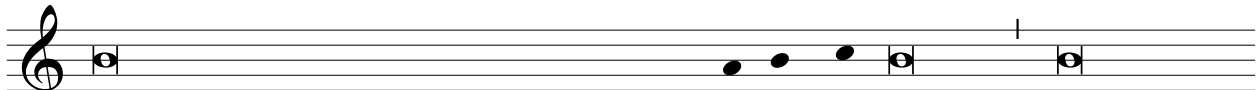
everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-




-ter-nal God. For you have forged the covenant of marriage



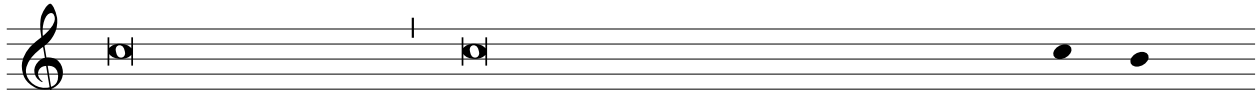
as a sweet yoke of har-mo-ny and an unbreakable bond of peace,



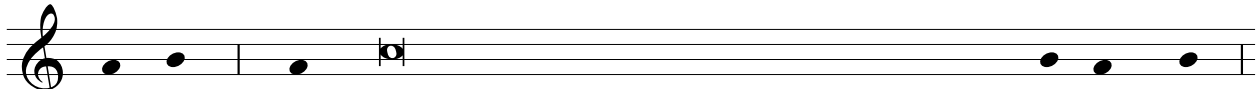
so that the chaste and fruitful love of ho-ly Mat-rimony may serve to



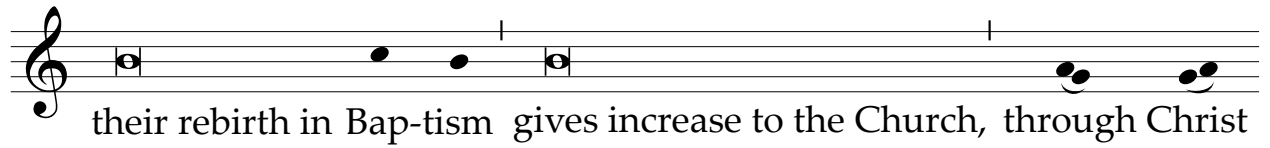
increase the children you a - dopt as your own. By your providence



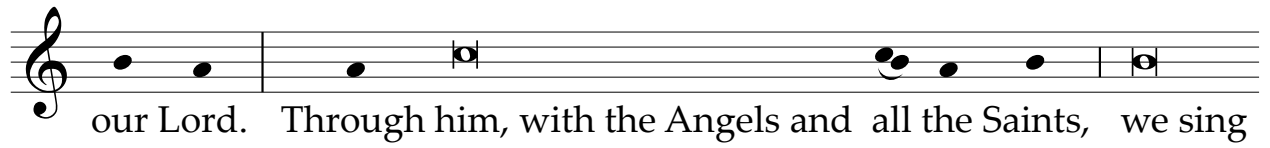
and grace, O Lord, you accomplish the wonder of this two-fold



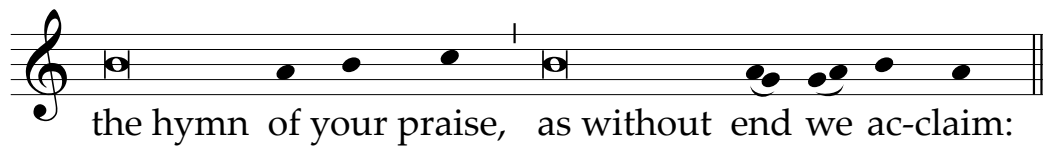
de-sign: that, while the birth of children brings beauty to the world,



their rebirth in Bap-tism gives increase to the Church, through Christ



our Lord. Through him, with the Angels and all the Saints, we sing



the hymn of your praise, as without end we ac-claim: